

REMARKS

Please note that a Power of Attorney was filed in this case on or about June 24, 2003. Further communications should be directed to the undersigned in accordance with that Power of Attorney, a copy of which is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The Office Action indicated that claims 5-11 and 14-17 were allowed.

Claims 1 and 12 are cancelled. Claims 2-4 and 13 were objected to but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. With entry of the foregoing amendment, Applicants believe that these claims are now allowable.

Please note that the amended claim 2 adopts essentially all of the structure of original claim 1 of which it depended. The only change was to remove the reference to "maximizing efficiency" in the last portion of the preamble.

Claims 3 and 4 now depend from claim 2. Claim 13 is now rewritten in independent form and includes all limitations of claim 12 from which it previously depended.

Claim 16 was indicated as only being objected to with the requested insertion of a space between the words "retrieved" and "first". This claim should now also be in condition for allowance.

Amendments to pages 2 and 3 are made to correct typographical errors.

A new Abstract is also being submitted for approval.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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